



**NORTH SUNDERLAND
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First service of the year to Holy Island Causeway!

At 5.21pm on Sunday 21 February, 1999, Tyne Tees Coastguard requested immediate launch of the Seahouses Inshore Lifeboat, to go to the aid of four persons stranded in the Refuge Box on Holy Island Causeway.

Due to the choppy seas and cold weather conditions, the inshore lifeboat was taken by road to the causeway. Two adults in their late twenties, their daughter aged 6yr and a son aged 5yr were rescued from the Refuge Box, cold and wet, and landed safely by the lifeboat. The family who were from the Kingston Park area of Newcastle, were then taken in a "warm" police car to a local hotel to recover from their ordeal. The tide was still rising at the time they attempted to cross from Holy Island to the mainland, and by the time the rescue services reached the causeway, their car, a Saab saloon, was up to its roof in the water.

Once again, we can only stress the need for people visiting Holy Island to check the safe crossing times, clearly displayed at each end of the Causeway, or even seek advice from the Islanders !

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